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Students in Tidewater Community College's introduction to baking class made gingerbread houses for their final exam. They will be auctioned off to benefit Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters.

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With few homes left, Beach neighborhood finally to get revamp

BURTON STATION has been targeted by the city for development for years. A new plan would add a road, sidewalks and multiuse path.

MARY BETH GAHAN | THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

A house on Burton Station Road was for sale last month. The neighborhood, near Norfolk's new outlet mall and the airport, has seen property values drop by an average of nearly $30,000 since 2009.

By Mary Beth Gahan | *The Virginian-Pilot*

VIRGINIA BEACH

BURTON STATION is finally getting a face-lift. The small neighborhood near Norfolk's new outlet mall and the airport waited decades for public water and sewer service.

Founded by freed slaves, the community has dwindled to a dozen homes, some perhaps no longer livable. Property values have dropped by an average of nearly $30,000 since 2009.

"The neighborhood is somewhat deteriorating," said Mark Shea, comprehensive planning coordinator for the city.

Now, though, change is in the works.

First up: a new thoroughfare. Tolliver Road will have a multiuse path on one side and a sidewalk on the other.

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SOURCES: Bing Maps, City of Virginia Beach THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

"We want answers ourselves"

Family of Norfolk teen killed in shootout tries to understand why he died

COURTESY SHAMEKA ALEXANDER

Daquan Davis, 19, was killed in a shootout Tuesday afternoon in the Ballentine Place neighborhood, Norfolk police said. No arrests have been made.

By Jonathan Edwards
The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK

Gunmen killed three people in two different shootings on Tuesday, one of the most violent days in Norfolk over the past decade.

On Wednesday afternoon, police identified the victims and released more details on one shooting. The first victim died after an afternoon shootout in a residential area. The other two, who knew each other, died in an apparent murder-suicide about five hours later.

The first man killed was 19-year-old Daquan Demontre Davis, of the 900 block of Newtown Road in Virginia Beach.

Davis died in the middle of a daytime firefight in which three or four gunmen

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Fondant, frosting and 3-D models

TCC students bake gingerbread houses to benefit CHKD

By Katherine Hafner
The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK

Jessica Martinson toiled over her final exam this semester, spending nine hours at home building a 3-D paper model of her design.

The result? A gingerbread house – church, rather – complete with ice cream cone Christmas trees, frosting poinsettia flowers and a pretzel cross.

Martinson, 19, is one of 19 students in Tidewater Community College's introduction to baking class whose final exam is to make a gingerbread house for charity.

The college has been holding an annual gingerbread house auction to benefit Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters since 2006.

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What kind of senator will Ala. Democrat Doug Jones be?

Sen.-elect Doug Jones won Tuesday in an upset against Roy Moore.

By Sean Sullivan and David Weigel
The Washington Post

Democrat Doug Jones debuted Wednesday as the next senator from Alabama by sidestepping highly charged topics, steering clear of criticism – and leaving wide open the question of what kind of lawmaker he will be.

Jones, who will narrow the Republican majority in the Senate to 51-49 when he is sworn in, will arrive in Washington sometime in the next few weeks with unusual influence for a freshman member of the party out of power. Democrats are looking to strengthen their influence to block Republican legislation they oppose. Republicans are hoping for a moderate partner across the aisle to keep their agenda on track.

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